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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ENABLING  
COLLABORATIVE AUTHORIZING OF  
HIERARCHICAL DOCUMENTS WITH  
ASSOCIATED BUSINESS LOGIC

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Examiner: D. Faber

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND  
AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 4, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1, 3-9, 16, 18-24, and 31-35, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.